TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 757 - SB 1167

March 26, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires citations issued from evidence obtained from traffic enforcement cameras to state separately any additional fees or court costs that may be assessed if the fine is not paid in a timely manner or if the violation is contested and the alleged violator is found guilty. Requires dismissal of citations not containing the separate fee list. Requires courts to submit copies of dismissed violations to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) no later than December 1 of each year. Requires the AOC to compile and report such citations to the General Assembly no later than January 15 of each year. Requires visible and conspicuous signage to be located not less than 500 feet but not more than 1,000 feet in advance of traffic enforcement cameras.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Citations issued as a result of traffic enforcement cameras are currently mailed to violators specifying the assessed fine and appropriate protocol to pay or challenge the citation. Requiring notices to separately state additional fees or court costs will not require significant additional staff time.
- Local governments are currently required to place appropriate signage not less than 500 feet but not more than 1,000 feet in advance of traffic enforcement cameras. Estimate assumes such signage is currently visible and conspicuous, resulting in no impact to local governments.
- There will not be a significant number of citations dismissed as a result of citations not containing the separate fee list.
- Any cost incurred by the AOC to collect the dismissed violations and compile a report will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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